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SUBJECT: CONTINUING MILITARY CRISIS: SITREP NO. 1

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1. JUST AFTER REFTEL SENT, MRS. PERON ANNOUNCED THAT IN MEETING IN OLVIOS TODAY ARMY CINC NUMA LAPLANE HAD PRESENTED HIS RESIGNATION, BUT THAT SHE HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT IT. REPORTS NOW INDICATE THAT DAMASCO DID RETIRE FROM HIS MILITARY COMMISSION, BUT REMAINS AS INTERIOR MINISTER.

2. BY REFUSING TO ACCEPT LAPLANE RESIGNATION, MRS. PERON HAS IN EFFECT DEFIED WILL OF OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF ARMED FORCES. REPORTEDLY, NAVY CINC MASSERA AND AF CINC FAUTARIO ARE MEETING NOW WITH DEFENSE MINISTER GARRIDO, AGAIN URGING THAT LAPLANE GO. SENTIMENT AMONG ARMY OFFICERS APPEARS TO REMAIN DECIDEDLY AGAINST LAPLANE AND DAMASCO. INDEED, LATTERS POSITION MAY HAVE DETERIORATED IF UNCONFIRMED REPORT IS TRUE THAT GEN. CACERES, COMMANDING FIRST CORPS IN BA, HAS NOW INDICATED HE WILL NOT OPPOSE MOVE TO OUST
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LAPLANE IF FAVORED BY OTHER CORPS COMMANDERS. IN SHORT, ALL THE

ELEMENTS OF A FULL SCALE CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT

ARE PRESENT, BUT BRINK COULD STILL BE AVOIDED. PRESENT INTENTIONS OF
CORPS COMMANDERS NOT YET CLEAR--AND THEIR WEIGHT IS THE CRUCIAL
FACTOR.

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